

of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda and in Ocean City, Md., and was a past president of the parish council at the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Washington, DC. He was given the title of archon for his work with the Greek Orthodox Church, which included membership in the "Leadership 100" endowment fund.

John N. Deoudes was blessed with a loving family who were all greatly impacted by his insatiable spirit and zest for life. To put it plainly, he and his entire family "never had it so good." He shared his life with his wife of 64 years, Mary Scounas Deoudes, his four children, Nick Deoudes, Bill Deoudes, Tom Deoudes, and Jo Ann D. Calomiris of Washington; and eight grandchildren, Valerie (Michael), John Nicholas, Andrea, John William, Angelica, Dimitri, Alexa and Julia.

Mr. Speaker, John N. Deoudes great man in the many communities in which he lived and worked. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating his life, and honoring the many people whose lives are better for having intersected their paths with his.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL FRANK  
DEANGELIS

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2014*

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado for his service as an educator, mentor, and community leader.

For 35 years at Columbine High School as a teacher, coach, and administrator, Principal DeAngelis has guided generations of students from the Columbine community. Mr. DeAngelis taught social studies for 12 years and has served as Columbine's assistant principal, dean of students, and principal for the last 18 years. In 2013, Principal DeAngelis was named the Colorado High School Principal of the Year and has twice been recognized as the National Principal of the Year. In addition, Principal DeAngelis has again been named a finalist for the 2014 National Principal of the Year.

Principal DeAngelis has been a cornerstone of the Columbine family in both its brightest and darkest days. When Principal DeAngelis heard gunshots ring out in the halls of Columbine on April 20, 1999, he ran towards danger and directed students to safety. In the aftermath of the horrific and tragic shootings, Principal DeAngelis provided much needed

comfort to students, parents, and fellow teachers so they could begin to heal from the unspeakable pain. In the wake of an unprecedented tragedy, Principal DeAngelis promised the freshman class in 1999 he would remain with them at Columbine until they walked at graduation. He delivered on his promise to those students and many more.

Principal DeAngelis put his experiences to use and traveled across the Nation to counsel other communities touched by tragedy. In the wake of the mass shooting at Virginia Tech, Principal DeAngelis came to Blacksburg, Virginia to offer comfort. Most recently, Principal DeAngelis offered his guidance as keynote speaker at the Sandy Hook Symposium and the National Leadership Conference for Youth.

Beyond his role as an administrator, Mr. DeAngelis contributed to the Columbine community's athletic programs for many years. Throughout his 13 year career as assistant coach on the football team and head coach for varsity baseball, Coach DeAngelis guided student athletes to success on the field and imparted valuable lessons beyond athletics.

Last August, Principal DeAngelis announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2013–2014 school year. As he wrote to parents, students, and fellow teachers, Principal DeAngelis' "heart will always be with Columbine," and his legacy at Columbine High School will live on for years to come. We are truly blessed to have such an extraordinary leader in our community and wish him all the best in his retirement.